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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS FOR CUBA

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1. BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER TODOROV DEPARTED SOFIA NOVEMBER 21 FOR OFFICIAL VISIT CUBA NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 4, HIGHEST LEVEL CONTACT SINCE CASTRO'S VISIT TO BULGARIA 1972.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS VISIT WILL COINCIDE WITH SPECIAL BULGARIAN EXHIBITION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND FOCUS OF VISIT WILL BE ON INCREASING BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CONTACTS.

3. COMMENT: TODOROV'S VISIT, WHICH FOLLOWS ON HEELS OF ZHIVKOV VISITS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, NORTH KOREA
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MONOLGIA, USSR AND POLAND HAS INCREASED SPECULATION

HERE THAT BULGARS ARE MAKING ROUNDS TO EMPHASIZE
"SOCIALIST UNITY" AND TO POINT OUT ADVANTAGES OF
CLOSER TIES WITH USSR. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH SOVIET
EMBASSY SOURCES DENY STRONGLY THAT TODOROV VISIT TO
CUBA IN ANY WAY LINKED OR RELATED TO ZHIVKOV TOUR AND THAT
HAVANA VISIT, WHICH THEY CLAIM ARRANGED MANY MONTHS
AGO, AS WERE ZHIVKOV'S TO NORTH KOREA AND MONGOLIA,
WILL BE CONFINED TO BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION,
PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURE.
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